

City of Deer Park
Regular Council Meeting
City Municipal Building
February 12, 2007

President McGoron opened the Meeting at 7p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a prayer.

Mr. Berens read the roll. Mr. Allen, Mr. Comer, Mr. Diehm, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tegenkamp. All Council Members are present.

Mr. Comer made a motion to accept the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting January 22, 2007 and the Special Council Meeting January 29, 2007. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by unanimous voice-vote.

Mr. Joe Powell, of 3905 St. John's Terrace thanked City Council for the stop sign that was placed on his street at Dearborn. It has had a positive effect on traffic.

Mrs. Arlene Broyles of 4318 Duneden Ave, requested information regarding the upcoming tax levy and asked if the city office and tax departments conducted tax and waste collection audits.

Mr. Joe Powell, of 3905 St. John's Terrace asked when the tax levy election was going to be held and stated that most residents did not know enough about the levy to support it at the last election.

Mrs. Beverly Morris, of 3902 St. John's Terrace requested a copy of the city budget and asked the cost of construction of the municipal building. Mr. Applegate said that he would deliver a copy of the budget to her home address.

Mr. Richard Morris, of 3902 St. John's Terrace stated that he would have supported the levy had he known what he was voting for.

Mr. Bob Schmidt, of 4267 Matson Ave. stated that we didn't need a tax levy, what we needed is responsible government and spoke in opposition to new taxation.

Mr. Steve Plummer, of 3845 St. John's Terrace asked about current reconstruction plans and timing of repairs to Gail Dr. and Matson Ave.

Mr. Fred Lampe, of 4350 Webster Ave. stated that is it difficult for some residents with lower incomes to support tax levies but it is a necessity to maintain city services.

Mr. Chris Simpson, of 3904 St. John's Terrace stated that he appreciated all that the city does and that there may have been more support of the tax levy if the

voters had a better understanding of current issues and suggested that City Council broadcast its public meetings over the ICRC Local Access Network.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

LEGISLATIVE AND FINANCE

Mr. Comer asked Mr. Berens to read Resolution #07-04 by title only.

Resolution #07-04 – A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5705.19 AND 5705.191 OF THE REVISION CODE SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 6.9-MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CURRENT EXPENSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. So read. Mr. Comer moved to adopt Resolution #07-04. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer asked Mr. Berens to read Resolution #07-05 by title only

Resolution #07-05 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR THE DESIGN OF IMPROVEMENTS TO GALBRAITH ROAD FROM BLUE ASH TO KENWOOD ROAD. So read. Mr. Comer made a motion to waive the 24-hour notification rule. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Comer moved to suspend the three reading rule. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote. Mr. Comer moved for adoption of Resolution #07-05. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

Mr. Comer moved for adoption. Seconded by Mrs. Hedger. Motion passed by a unanimous roll-call vote.

SAFETY

Mr. Allen presented the Police Department Monthly Report for January 2007. He also reported that Chief Gille has announced his retirement effective April 6, 2007, and that Police Officer James Drake has submitted his resignation effective February 20, 2007 to take a position with Amberley Village.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Tegenkamp reported that Deer Park was awarded a Municipal Road Funds Grant for \$100,000.00 for the East Galbraith Road (between Blue Ash and Kenwood) Improvement Project. Combined with the \$65,000.00 awarded last year brings the total grant funds for this project to \$165,000.00.

He also reported that Service Department tractor and lawn mower is in need of repair. Approximate cost for these repairs is \$1,000.00

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hedger reported that Student Government night is scheduled for March 12, 2007. Dinner and pre-meeting activities will begin at 6:00pm.

CITY OFFICIALS

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Berens had no new correspondence to be brought before Council at this time.

LEGAL COUNSEL

No Report.

MAYOR

Mayor Collins reported that he will be undergoing a surgical procedure on February 20, 2007 and will be recuperating for a period of approximately 2-3 weeks afterwards.

Mr. Comer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Allen.
Vote: all aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06p.m.

Pat McGoron,
President of Council

Michael J. Berens,
Clerk Pro-Tem of Council